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AGRICULTURE : GROW MORE FOOD : PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL AGRICULTURE FOR THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HELD ON 29th to 30th JUNE 1948 : PAPERS : RECORDED

Subjects discussed and conclusions reached by the Standing Committee of the Legislature for the Ministry of Agriculture at the meetings held at New Delhi on the 28th, 29th and 30th July 1948.

P r e s e n t.

1. The Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture - Chairman
2. Ch. Ranbir Singh
3. Dr. P.S. Deshmukh
4. Shri Ram Narayan Singh
5. Shri Upendra Nath Barman
6. Shri Kishorimohan Tripathi
7. Shri Ram Sahai
8. Shri Damodar Swarup Seth
9. Mr. V.S. Krishnaswamy, Deputy Secretary and Secretary to the S.C.L.
10. Mr. B.R. Sen, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
11. Sir Datar Singh, Additional Secretary and Vice Chairman, Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
12. Mr. S. Basu, Joint Secretary
13. Mr. K.W.P. Marar, Joint Secretary
14. Mr. S.Y. Krishnaswami, Joint Secretary
15. Mr. S.M. Srivastava, Secretary, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, 16. Mr. H.C. Sharma, Deputy Secretary
17. Dr. B.M. Pilani, Deputy Secretary
18. Mr. S.R. Maini, Deputy Secretary
19. Mr. J.V.A. Nehemiah, Under Secretary
20. Mr. D.R. Sethi, Agricultural Development Commissioner
21. Mr. G.B. Bahkshi, Inspector General of Forests.
22. Dr. Baini Prasad, Fisheries Development Adviser
23. Dr.G.S. Cheema, Fruit Development Adviser
24. Rai Bahadur Ramachandra Rao, Offig. Plant Protection Adviser
25. Mr. W.R. Natu, Economics and Statistical Adviser
26. Rai Bahadur M.V. Bijawat, Irrigation Adviser
27. Dr. T.G. Shirname, Agricultural Marketing Adviser
28. Mr. M.L.Khanna, Refrigeration Development Engineer
29. Mr. Gajanan Naik, Palm Gur Adviser
30. Mr. A.R. Vyas, Deputy Principal Information Officer.
31. Mr. R.N. Sadarangani, Public Relations Officer
32. Dr. B.C. Chopra, Deputy Fisheries Development Adviser
33. Mr. C.S.D. Swamy, Deputy Agricultural Production Adviser
34. Dr. Sham Singh, Deputy Fruit Development Adviser
35. Mr. H.C. Varma, Deputy Dairy Development Adviser
36. Sardar Harbans Singh, Deputy Cattle Utilization Adviser
37. Mr. B. Sen, Assistant Director, Agricultural Machinery.

Representatives of other Ministries.

38, Mrs. T.S. Pillay, Food Ministry.
39. Rai Sahib P.M. Mukherji - Commerce Ministry
40. Mr. H.C. Dey -do-

Item No. 1 of Agenda: Action taken on the proceedings of the last meeting held on 12th April 1948:

The action taken on the recommendations made at the last meeting of the Standing Committee of the Legislature held on 12th April 1948 was reviewed and confirmed by the members.

Item No. 2 of Agenda - Export of Crushed Bones from India:

It was decided that the Ministry should first invite the views of the Provincial Governments on the matter.

Item No. 3 of Agenda - Contributions to the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau for the Five Years ending 1951-52:

The Committee approved of the proposed increased rate of contribution, namely; £8,568 per annum until 1951-52.

Item No. 4 of Agenda - Amendments to the Indian Cotton Cess Act:

The doubling of the Cotton Cess and the other amendments proposed

in the Memorandum prepared by the Ministry were approved by the Committee who decided that item (X) of Section 4 should read as follows:

"Five members nominated by the Governments of such Unions of States as the Central Government may notify from time to time."

It was recommended that Government should examine the proposal that the Cotton Fund which was originally intended for the benefit of cotton growers should be utilised for the betterment of marketing facilities, and make a report thereon to the Committee.

Item No. 5 of Agenda - Amendments to the Indian Oilseeds Committee Act, 1946:

The amendments proposed in the Memorandum prepared by the Ministry were approved by the Committee.

Item No. 6 of Agenda - Formation of a National Food and Agriculture Organisation Liaison Committee in India.

The status, composition and functions of the proposed Liaison Committee and the method of communication with the F.A.O were considered. A copy of the memorandum as revised and accepted by the Committee is enclosed.

Item No. 7 of Agenda - Relaxation of ban on the import of vegetable seeds:

The Committee approved of the proposal to prohibit the imports of vegetable seeds except mother seeds and such other seeds as are not produced in India. The Committee recommended that the feasibility of the proposal that Government should undertake the import and distribution of mother seeds should be considered by the Ministry and the result made known to the Committee in due course.

Item No. 8 of Agenda - Progress of the formation of a Central Phosphatic Pool:

The Committee agreed that the scheme for formation of a Central Phosphatic Pool should work on the basis of "No profit, No loss" - the entire supply - indigenous and imported - being pooled and distributed to the Provinces at a uniform price.

Item No. 9 of Agenda - Land Reclamation Programme:

The Land Reclamation Work done so far with the aid of tractors and the present activities of the Central Tractor Organisation were discussed in detail.

The Committee approved of the proposal that the Central Tractor Organisation staff should be sanctioned on a 5 year basis.

Item No. 10 of Agenda - Grow More Food Campaign:

The Committee decided to postpone the discussion on this subject.

Item No. 11 of Agenda - Enhancement of the grant-in-aid (from Rs.5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs per annum) to the Indian Central Jute Committee:

The present plans for increasing jute cultivation in the Indian Union and the establishment of a Jute Research Institute and of seed multiplication farms were dicussed. The Committee recommended that a confidential note bringing out the latest facts and figures relating to the Jute industry should be prepared by the Ministry and circulated to the Members - as well as (a) the budgeted programme of the Jute Committee for the next year; and (b) the last year's Annual Report (post partition) of the Jute Committee.

Item No. 12 of Agenda - Establishment of a Pool of Plant Protection Machinery:

The All India importance of controlling pests and diseases was

controlling pests and diseases was plained to the Members - as well as the need for establishing a Pool of Plant Protection machinery and the appointment of six Liaison Officers (and staff) for the purpose. The Committee approved of this in principle but suggested that the proposed staff should not be appointed before the Provinces and States are consulsted.

It was decided that, at the forthcoming Conference of Provincial Ministers in September 1948, this matter may be discussed with a view to obtaining the views of the Provincial Governments.

Item No. 14 of the Agenda - Contribution by the Government of India to the All India Cattle Show Committee:

The financial position of the All India Cattle Show Committee and the present practice of holding Cattle Show all over the country were discussed. The Committee was of the view that the proposed recurring grant of Rs. 1,75,000 per annum was a very modest demand and should be placed before the Standing Finance Committee for sanction.

Item No. 15 of Agenda - Bill to provide for the prevention and control of diseases affecting animals in Delhi and Ajmer-Merwara:

It was recommended by the Committee that the proposed Bill should be introduced in the Constitutent Assembly of India (Legislative)

Item No. 16 of Agenda - Re-organisation scheme of the Paper and Cellulose Research Section of the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun:

The research on the manufacture of paper, board, etc., from indigenous raw materials now conducted at theF.R.I. Dehra Dun and the future programme of research on those raw materials was described to the members - with reference to the growth of the paper. board and newsprint industries about which relevant factors and figures were read out to the Members. It was recommended by the Committee that the Reorganisation scheme set forth in the Memorandum prepared by the Ministry should be proceeded with.

Item No. 17 of Agenda - Establishment of an International Rice Council:

The events leading to the formation of the proposed International Rice Council and the draft Constitution thereof were discussed. The Committee recommended that India should accept memberhsip of the Council as early as possible.

Item No. 18 of Agenda - Development of tube-well Irrigation - Continuance of the Central Ground Water Organisation:

It was explained that the meeting that tubewell boring is highly specialised work which requires some kind of Central Organisation for survey, planning, experiment and execution as well as training, loaning of experts, research and aid in the procurement of machinery and other forms of assistance which are not now within the reach of the Provinces and States.

With reference to the future programme of tubewell construction (1,200 wells in two years) and the estimated cost of theC.G.W.O. (Rs.50 lakhs in five years) the Committee endorsed the case made out in the Memorandum prepared by the Ministry for the continuance of the C.G.W.O for a pe iod of five years, and recommended, that, as the work at the Centre cannot be planned and done properly on a yearly basis, the proposa should be put up again to the Standing Finance Committee for approval.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Section notes are submitted below. After orders are passed the case may be sent to Food Deptt. with ref. to page 7 of section notes below and A on p. 2 and B on p. 3 c.f.

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This file has been sent to this Deptt. with ref. to p.7 of sectional notes below and "A" on p.2 c.f. and B on p. 4 c.f. No remarks seem called for in this Deptt. The file may be returned to Dev.

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The papers may now be recorded.

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